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By picnic time the woods will be
full of 'em. But why are they so
pesky bushy about announcing?

The Caller was boasting Corpus
Christi when many of its humorously
criticized had never heard that
Texas was a portion of the United
States.

The English language has
gained a new name. It is the word
"bibious," meaning A state of
municipal affairs that cannot be
explained away with a joke.

Boosting indulged in at the ex-
pense of truth, is a boomerang.
Corpus Christi is surrounded by
country so fertile that we don't
have to boast fictitious banana
groves to encourage immigration.

The use of agricultural courses
in our country schools will go a
long way toward keeping the boy
and girl on the farm. The trouble,
heretofore, has been the farm
school taught city lessons.

LaFollette is said to represent
the ideal of the progressive move-
ment. It is evident the ideal re-
members James Corbett, whose
fists were no mightier than his
hair. That LaFollette pompadour
is so impressive that his shade is
said to stretch like a nightmare
across the foot of Mr. Taft's bed.

The young men of San Antonio
have gotten behind the Interna-
tional Fair proposition and will
push it to a successful issue. The
San Antonio fair is something
that could not well be spared by
South Texas. It is a great pity it
has been allowed to languish. Let
San Antonio take her lesson in
fair management from Dallas.
There is nothing like profiting by
successful experience.

SECTION EIGHTEEN

"Section 18" is evidently an in-
spiration sprung of three day's
nervous poring over the City Char-
ter. It provides not in identical
words, but in terms that mean
pretty much the same thing, that
the Magnolia Petroleum Company
must pay for its own advertise-
ments. Therefore, in the inspired
words of our City Attorney (for
we imagine we hear the City At-
torney's clarion voice as he makes
known his discovery, if he really
did), the ordinances referred to
was not City printing.

Another technicality almost
slipped over the goal—but not
quite. "Section 18" that im-
provised aftermath of an im-
poverished appeal of defense,
skips a cog in it attempts to
cover the situation.

Turn over your back files of the
administration paper. Glance
over page 5 of the issue of Friday,
January 12th. Fasten your eyes
on the sixth column. No, down
near the bottom. Right over the
Guggenheim-Cohn Company's ad-
vertisement. It reads:

NOTICE

To Registered Warrant Holders.
All registered warrants up to
and including No. 2305 are now
payable upon surrender to the
City Secretary's office.

(Signed) Thus, B. Dunn.

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We call this little advertisement
to the notice of the general public.
The Clark Pease-A. A. Thompson-
W. E. Pope-W. H. Griffin-A. C.
Friday stockholder ad appeared
in the Democrat of Monday, January 8. No change had been made
public at the time the "Notice"
was printed. The Caller is now
through with the matter, unless
further information is urgently
desired.

A SCARE EPIDEMIC.

Statistics come to the rescue in
the meningitis situation and prove
that there were more cases during
1910, without an epidemic, than
during the past year with a
well organized epidemic gaining
the attention of the people. Com-
menting on the situation, the
Waco Times-Herald reminds us
that an epidemic is not an epidemic
when the people are not afraid. This
sums up the situation as it
exists in Texas today, although
there is no disputing the fact men-
ingitis has claimed many victims
and must be guarded against
closely.

The disease is not contagious in
the ordinary acceptance of the
word. It is infectious through di-
rect contact, and at times appears
in widely separated districts, with
no apparent cause through direct
or indirect conveyance. Its non-
contagious character is made plain
by the infrequency of more than
one or two cases in the same family.
In saying non-contagious, we
merely mean to indicate that men-
ingitis is not "catching" in the
popular sense that small-pox or
measles is, though physicians
mention the use of the word con-
tagious in its technical sense.

Summarizing the situation down,
the doctors themselves seem to be
somewhat at sea. They know the
germ that produces meningitis
have isolated it and studied it
and discovered a method of treat-
ment which reduces the mortality
rate very materially; but are a
long way from certain as to its
actual causes.

In view of the comparative non-
prevalence of the disease this year
contrasted with its previous visitations,
undue alarm is not justified.
Shot-gun quarantines are
certainly more likely to result in
fatalities in non-infected districts
than in the disease itself.

Cope Without Guile.

Galveston News: Every once in a
while congress does something quietly
that is entirely worthy of attention.
One of those incidents was the
vote in the house refusing to make
appropriation for purchase of pistols
for the police force of the District
of Columbia on the ground that the
carrying of firearms by police officers
is a menace to public safety. If this action
on the part of the house could be taken as an index to its pro-
gressivism there would be no occupa-
tion for the insurgents of either
party.

An Intelligent Being.

Dallas Times-Herald: Judge J. W.
Swaine, of Fort Worth, has ruled
that because a man had read ac-
counts of a killing in a newspaper
he is not disqualified for that rea-
son alone to sit as a juror in the
case. Congratulations to Judge
Swaine, who evidently believes that
a newspaper reader is an intelligent
being and the kind that can render
an intelligent verdict according to
the law and evidence. Our courts
are gradually learning that ignorance
is another name for prejudice.

Will Be Delighted.

Texas Republic: President Mad-
den will undoubtedly be delighted
to greet the San Antonio excursionists
when they visit him next March
especially when he recalls what
most of them said about him about
one year ago.

Gone to Rockport.

Hartington Star: W. S. Davis, re-
cently publisher of the San Marcos
Herald, has gone to Rockport with a
large printing equipment, where he
will begin the publication of a daily
paper. The initial number has not
yet appeared.

Circulation Statement.

State of Texas, County of Nau-
mexico, etc.

Eli T. Merriman, being first
deputy sheriff, on his oath, de-
poses and says that he is busi-
ness manager of the Daily Caller
and Herald, published in Corpus
Christi, Texas, and that the actual
circulation of said news-
paper for the month of December,
1911, was as follows:

Month	1911	1912
1. 1853	16. 1957	
2. 1858	17. 2159	
3. 1915	18. *	
4. 1916	19. 2057	
5. 1855	20. 2045	
6. 1851	21. 2159	
7. 1856	22. 2144	
8. 1862	23. 2111	
9. 1852	24. 2040	
10. 1849	25. *	
11. 1848	26. *	
12. 1951	27. 2125	
13. 1956	28. 2114	
14. 1954	29. 2158	
15. 1957	30. 2112	
TOTAL	31. 2158	

Average daily circulation, 2002.

REGINA, Sask., Jan. 25.—With
the usual ceremonies the fourth ses-
sion of the second Provincial leg-
islature of Saskatchewan was opened
this afternoon in the magnificent new
parliament buildings. Important
measures relating to education, rail-
ways, internal improvements and
other matters were foreshadowed in
the speech from the throne.

**Rubber Stamps,
Stencils and Seals**

Southwestern Seal & Stencil Works.

Phone No. 118, Corpus Christi, Texas.

(Signed) Eli T. MERRIMAN,
Business Manager.

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 2nd day of January,

(Signed) W. H. BROWNE,
Notary Public.

Nueces County, Texas.

WITH EXCHANGES

Abuse of Confidence.

Bethel Bee: Governor Clegg has received a letter from the state convicts on the Wynne farm, and is signed by seventy-one of the prisoners now on that state land, with an amount opposite each name ranging from \$1 to \$10, making a total amount of \$291, as a reward for the capture of two fellow-convicts who escaped. The two escaped convicts are named and severely scored in the letter. It is stated that the superintendent of that farm treats the convicts humanely and that the escape of the men was a shameful waste of the confidence placed in them. This is evidence of the good intentions of the "trustees" of the penitentiaries. The action taken by the inmates of this farm is too, evidence, that they are trying to do the right thing. By placing confidence in the man who is free to do as he pleases is to inspire him to do his best, and the returns are always noticeable. Place confidence in the prisoner and he will raise his ideals and aspire to a good name even if it is known only within the prison walls.

GUMPTION ON THE FARM.

(February Farm Journal.)

When some fellow wants to set you
on the ground **SHOOT** him out! The
ground floor is where the workers are

RAILROAD NOTES.

The November record of passenger
traffic in New York shows that 52,000
feet ran on time.

The Pennsylvania railroad is plan-
ning to electrify its suburban service
as one of the advanced steps now under
consideration for the system is
and about Philadelphia.

Railroad officials are expecting an
announcement soon from the Inter-
state Commerce Commission, fixing a
date upon which all Eastern railroads
passenger rates must be adjusted to
conform to the long and short haul
charge of the interstate.

During the past year the Lacka-
wanna has placed in big tracks 150
car-sized timbers, with twice that
number of the plates. Laborers and
field hands have convinced the
maintenance of way department that
a screw spike has a holding power
80 per cent greater than the ordinary
half spike.

When a stormy day comes, spend
a few hours looking over the garden
seeds for the coming season. See
that they are not being affected by
dampness nor by excessive heat. The
soil may be helping themselves.

One of the biggest mistakes the
farmers make in sowing seed
relates on the amount of grass seed
sown to the acre. Of late years seed
has been high, and the tendency has
been to sow less than was needed to
bring a good crop. Better save
somewhere else.

The farmer has one thing in his
favor—what he knows or thinks.
There is no chance for a drift in till-
ing the soil. Everything shows
right up for just what it is worth. If
he is a success he can not hide the
fact, and if he is a failure the neighbors
are quick to know the partic-
ulars.

Before planting any large quantity
of small grain, seeds or other seed
send a sample to your state experiment
station for examination. The
seeds of many noxious plants are to
be found in impure and unreliable
seeds. It is far easier to do this than
to eradicate some pestiferous weed
that obtains a firm foothold on your
farm.

Early rhubarb can be grown in
any ordinary cellar floor. When a
woman digs up one of more rhubarb
clumps from the garden, with considerable
soil clinging to the roots, and puts them on the radiator
the warmer the cellar, the sooner
growth will begin. Take them a little water occasionally,
and await results. Rhubarb does not seem
to be necessary for stalks grow
all right in even a dark place.

The party who appeals to the
courts for redress is not always in
the right. He is prejudiced in his
own favor, and, besides, his temper
will not allow him to reason as he
should. The decision of the court
for the defendant with costs does not
set the least value on his own opinion
then or thereafter. His facts that he
has been wronged, going to law for
fancied wrongs, and expecting there
to find redress is an expensive lux-
ury. Sue a mouse and catch a rel-

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